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AMENDMENT WITH RCE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by January 2, 2004, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.